

## **Daniel 9:19**

**"O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Thine own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name."**

# A Key to Recovery

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*“Forgive One Another”*

# Review

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- Lord is doing the work of recovery in these last days
- On earth He is recovering the testimony of Jesus

***2026 Christian Family Conference***

***God's Cry For This Hour***

***Recovery and Possessing***

## His Work of Recovery

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- **Since the fall God has been doing His work of recovery**
- *Israel was to be His testimony, failed & taken captive*
- **God raised up Daniel, Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah, et al.**
- *In the fulness of time God sent His Son, Jesus Christ*
- **At Pentecost, He sent the Holy Spirit & church born**

# His Work of Recovery

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- **Church had a healthy birth & continued to grow**
- *Sadly, we see in the NT how it quickly departed*
- **Through history we see a church with ebbs & flows**
- *Today the church is in the Laodicean period*

*In His great love, God continues His work of recovery*

# **The Testimony of Jesus**

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**The reality of the headship of Jesus being lived out,  
expressed through the lives of His people  
individually & corporately.**

# How it the Testimony Recovered?

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*Two essential aspects of recovery*

**Personal intimate relationship with Him**  
*(vertical)*

**Love for one another**  
*(horizontal)*

# Recovery Starts in Our Hearts

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- **Hearts open to see the true condition of God's people**
- *Hearts open to see afresh God's heart for His people*
- **Hearts willing to allow the Holy Spirit do what is necessary for the recovering of His testimony**

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# A Key Aspect of Loving One Another

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## *Forgiving One Another*

- **Why is the testimony of Jesus in a weakened today?**
- *Why is there so much division among believers?*
- **When the world looks on the church, what do they see?**

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**UNFORGIVENESS**

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*Standard for forgiving one another is Jesus Christ*

## Consider How He Forgave Us

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- **How could He the sinless, spotless One forgive us?**
- *He took the initiative came, humbled Himself to the point of death on the cross*
- **To restore our relationship with Him in order that we can by His grace forgive one another**

# **Obstacles to Forgiving One Another**

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**Fail to see the destructive impact that unforgiveness  
has on the body of Christ, His church**

**&**

**“I”, My self-love (PRIDE)**

# Relationship With One Another

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## Romans 12:4

For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,  
**5** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

# Relationship With One Another

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## Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each  
one *of you*, with his neighbor, for  
we are members of one another

## May We See the Damage

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- **Division normally starts among ones we are closest to**
- *Instead forgiving one another & keeping us in unity, we allow our flesh to divide us*
- **May the Lord open our eyes to see how much damage unforgiveness does to the testimony of Jesus**

# The “Cancer” of Unforgiveness

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- **Cancer cells divide from other cells & randomly migrate to places they don't belong and create damage**
- *Normal cells maintain growth in relation to the body*

*PTL in body of Christ there's a cure for “cancer” cells*

# Unseen Consequences

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- **Might not immediately see the consequences of our sin of unforgiveness**
- *Cancer cell: usually not noticed at 1st until it grows*
- **Unforgiveness gives the enemy an in-road into our life where he can then take root & bring about division**

## 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

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**25** there should be no division in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.

**26** And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

# Another Perspective of the Damage

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**Mark 10:9**

**What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.**

*God has joined us together, may none of us allow unforgiveness in our heart to separate us*

# The Obstacle of “I”

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- **Our biggest hinderance/obstacle to forgiveness: “I”**
- ***“I”: it’s root: my self-life, self-love: PRIDE***
- **Pride protects itself, loves itself & will use any technique to avoid being exposed & dealt with**
- ***Admit: we all have PRIDE***

# Looking Off Unto Jesus

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*Keeps our issues in perspective*

*His death on the cross,  
forgave the greatest offence in the history of mankind  
by reconciling man back to God*

# **The Two Sides of Forgiveness**

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- 2. When one of the brethren offends us**

## When We Offend a Brother or Sister

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- **When convicted in our hearts of a sin or someone tells us we have offended them, how do we respond?**
- *By His grace, we deny everything within us that would seek to justify our actions and take the cross*
- **Accept personal responsibility for our actions, without any exceptions or excuses.**

## When We Offend a Brother or Sister

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- **We ask forgiveness & clear the air, not allowing the enemy an entrance to bring about division**
- *No excuses: no blaming it on circumstances, you don't understand, let me explain, I didn't intend to, etc.*
- **PRIDE: Hates this & will try anything to avoid**

## When We Offend a Brother or Sister

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- **What if the Holy Spirit convicts you of a specific way you spoke to someone or what you did to them was wrong, but they haven't said anything to you**
- *The issue is since you know in your heart you were wrong; you must humble yourself & clear the air*

## When We Offend a Brother or Sister

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- **What if that person responds, yes, you offended me, but I cannot forgive you even with your apology?**
- *You have done your part. You have a clear conscience*

**Romans 12:18 If possible, as far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.**

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# When One of the Brethren Offends Us

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- **Can be really hard & challenging for us to forgive**
- *But remember, look off unto Jesus*
- **We need to see Christ as our standard**
- *Sometimes we wait for them to 1<sup>st</sup> ask forgiveness*

# When One of the Brethren Offends Us

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- **Did Christ wait for us to ask forgiveness before He forgave us?**
- ***No: Saw humanity's deep need to be reconciled to God***
- **He took the initiative & went to the cross to demonstrate His love for us & to purchase our forgiveness**

## When One of the Brethren Offends Us

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- **It should work the same way in our lives**
- *When someone offends us, we should 1st forgive*
- **If we have unforgiveness in our hearts, it limits the power of God to work & brings damage to His body**
- *Hinders Holy Spirit from doing His work of recovery*

## When One of the Brethren Offends Us

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- Can say “I can’t forgive them for what they did to me: Such hurt, pain, betrayal, humiliation, etc.”
- *Actually, that’s good for you to confess you can’t*
- It’s a good starting point but don’t stop there.

*You can’t but Christ in you can*

## **When One of the Brethren Offends Us**

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**As we deny ourselves (take the cross) it releases the power of the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and to bring us into a place of being willing to forgive.**

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# Forgiveness & Salvation of Our Soul

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- **Forgiveness is one of the key “tools” of the Holy Spirit**
- *He uses it to do His transforming work in our life*

**His work of saving our souls**

*From being controlled by our self-life (PRIDE)  
to coming under the control of His life-Christ in us*

# Forgiveness & Salvation of Our Soul

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- **Our soul is comprised of our mind, will & emotions.**
- *It is vitally involved in the matter of forgiveness*
- **If we are honest, it can be a real battle to work through forgiving someone who really hurt us,**

## **Battle To Forgive**

***Our minds, will & emotions can go crazy when offended***

***Remember all the good things I did for them,***

**How could they treat me this way,**

***It's not fair, such betrayal,***

**I thought they loved me**

# Battle To Forgive

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- **The hurt, despair, disappointment, betrayal, etc. can be real, so I'm not making light of that**
- ***BUT we need to realize that within us is an enemy***
- **Our self-life wants revenge, to win & be exalted Prove it was right because pride is never wrong**

# Glorious Liberty of Forgiveness

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- **But as we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our life**
- *We are set free from the tyranny of our self-life*
- **We enter into more of the glorious liberty we have in our Lord Jesus Christ**

# Glorious Liberty of Forgiveness

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- **HOW??** By forgiving as Jesus Christ forgave
- *Fromke: We may have reason not to forgive,  
but we do not have the right to not forgive*

*“When one forgives, two are set free”*

# Conclusion

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- **Our Lord continues to recover the testimony of Jesus**
- *See the significance of forgiveness in His work*
- **Open our eyes to see the damage of unforgiveness**
- *Learn to forgive as Jesus Christ forgave*

# Conclusion

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- **Consider more the depths of His forgiveness**
- ***His love at Calvary overcame our self-love & PRIDE***
- **God desires His church to be built/The bride made ready**
- ***See in a fresh way how forgiveness/unforgiveness can impact this positively or negatively***